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they jump right into my territory and can expect me to talk about what they did and my reaction to it, and my attitude about it. What I want the person whose bill this is to know is that I'm not going to try to kill his or her bill; I don't even know whose bill this is. But I think I ought to get a vote on this, but here's why I won't. People can say they voted against it because if you send a bill back then that would be a bad thing to do so I'll just say my say. Then I'll pull my motion. I cannot let the Legislature end on a sour note for me as was the case yesterday. But I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to bring a bill next year to strike Israel from the statutes, and I'm going to bring a corollary to leave Israel in and name every Arab state that I can find, and watch you...make you come forth and show what you are. And you can kill it. You think that will stop me? Has killing a bill ever stopped me from talking about what I want to talk about? And you all dread what I say on the floor more than anything that would be said in a bill. And as for that nonsense that Senator Brashear was talking about in terms of it not having had a hearing, in addition to the fact that he has done that, and we all have, he talked about some kind of five-day rule. We have put things on a bill when there were fewer than five days. We'd bring a bill back from Final Reading, when there would only be one day left for it to lay over, and we'd do that. And it was Senator Landis' bill. If he thought it was going to be unconstitutional, why would he stand on this floor and say he supported the amendment? People, when they're going to do something wrong and they know they are wrong, will grab any excuse, any excuse to justify what they did. They ought to just be forthright and tell the truth that they're...either they're afraid of Jews or they hate Palestinians. It's one or the other. There is no mid-ground. I don't believe that this state ought to go on record favoring Israel, but since you all believe that, I'm going to speak my piece on it. Who in here would speak for Palestinians? Native Americans? Oppressed people...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...anywhere in this world? Oppressed people in this state? When I'm not here, there's going to be great peace in this Legislature, and a whole lot of issues that will